

## Membership Covenant

**Having been led by the Holy Spirit to receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, and having been baptized into one body upon the confession of our faith, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, joyfully enter into/renew our covenant with each other.**

1. **We will** earnestly seek God's power to grow us in the unity of the body and the bond of peace.  
(John 17:17-21; Eph 3:20-21; Eph 4:1-3)
2. **We will** be devoted to the Church Gathering, and to praying for ourselves and others.  
(Acts 13:1-3; Acts 2:42-27; 4:31; 20:7; Heb 10:25)
3. **We will** work together to continue the faithful Gospel ministry of this church.
  - To sustain it's worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines;
  - To contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of it's ministries, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel both locally and globally.  
(Eph 5:19; Matt 18:15-20; 28:28-20; 1 Cor 11:23-34; Heb 10:23-25; Eph 6:18; 1 Thess 5:17, 25; 2 Cor 9:6-8; Eph 2:21-22; Rom 16:17; 2 Thess 3:6; 1 Cor 5; Acts 2:42; 2 Jn 1:9-11; Matt 10:10; Gal 6:6; Acts 11:29; 2 Cor 8:1-5, Lk 24:46-48; Acts 1:8)
4. **We will** strive to love one another.
  - By exercising an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other;
  - By faithfully encouraging and admonishing one another, as occasion may require;
  - By walking in humility, being mindful of our words, and being slow to take offense;
  - By always being ready to reconcile with each other.  
(Rom 12:10, 16:17-18; Gal 6:1-2; Matt 18:15-17; Jas 5:19-20; Col 3:16; Heb 3:12-13; 1 Thess 5:11; 1 Cor 5:12)
5. **We will** rejoice at each other's happiness and bear each other's burdens and sorrows with tenderness and sympathy.  
(Rom 12:15; Gal 6:2; Col 3:12)
6. **We will** endeavor to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the home and in the church.
  - To maintain personal, and when possible, family devotions;
  - To intentionally educate and lead our children in the Christian faith;
  - To share the Gospel with others and seek the salvation of those who have yet to receive Christ;
  - To be equipped by the Word of God to be disciples who make disciples.  
(Deut 6:1-12; 11:18-20; Matt 6:6; Eph 6:4; Mk 5:19; Lk 5:19; Matt 5:16; Eph 5:15; Matt 28:18)
7. **We will** submit to the authority of Scripture in all areas of life.
  - To live wisely in the world, denying ungodliness, gossip, and worldly desires;
  - To remind ourselves that as new creations in Christ, we have a special obligation to lead new and holy lives.  
(Eph 5:15; Titus 2:12; Rom 6:4; Gal 5:16-26; 1 Thess 4:7; 1 Pet 1:13-25;)
8. **We will**, if we move from this church family.
  - Inform and meet with an elder prior to our departure;
  - As soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.  
(Heb 13:17; Acts 18:27-28; Rom 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:58; Col 3:23; Heb 10:24-25)
9. **We will** rely on the Holy Spirit to hold us to our vision:  
***We exist for:***  
***The glory of God***  
***The good of His Church***  
***And the hope of the world***  
(Ps 19; Exo 33:18-23; John 17; Eph 4; Ezek 37:1-10; 1 Pet 3:14-16)